

**REMARKS**

The present application is the U.S. national stage of PCT patent application no. PCT/CA2004/000976, which was filed with claims in the international claim style. These PCT claims included multiple dependent claims and claims with multiple alternatives within single claims. The claims have been revised into a U.S. style claim format in which the multiple dependent claims have been amended to depend from a single claim and multiple alternatives within single claims have been separated into separate dependant claims.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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